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SUBJ: REFUGEES RESCUED BY THE USS FRANCIS HAMMOND

REF A. BANGKOK 22736 B. BANGKOK 22803 C. HONG KONG 10727
D. BANGKOK 23464 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL C AUTHORIZES US TO GUARANTEE U.S. RESETTLEMENT TO ALL REFUGEES RESCUED AUGUST 11 BY THE USS HAMMOND WHO DO NOT HAVE THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT OFFERS. AS REPORTED REFTTEL D, UNHCR OFFICIALS ARRANGED FOR THE 77 REFUGEES TO DISEMBARK AUGUST 14 AND PROMISED THE RTG THAT ALL WILL DEPART THAILAND WITHIN 30 DAYS. THE UNHCR IS STILL TRYING TO ARRANGE RESETTLEMENT FOR SOME OF THE REFUGEES IN FRANCE CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA. MOST OF THE REFUGEES, HOWEVER, HAVE CLOSE RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AND IT IS LIKELY THAT AT LEAST 73 WILL BE GUARANTEED RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. IT APPEARS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE THESE REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE 30-DAY TIME LIMIT IF WE WAIT FOR LRP FUNDING. THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF INS HONG KONG INFORMED US THAT THERE ARE NO CE NUMBERS AVAILABLE, BUT THAT THERE MAY BE SOME EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR
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REFUGEE MOVEMENT.

3. BANGKOK CURRENTLY HAS 36 IPP-77 AND IPP-78 RECOUP BOAT NUMBERS AVAILABLE. WE HAVE BEEN USING RECOUP NUMBERS FOR NEW-BORN BABIES AND OTHER CASES THAT REQUIRE PRIORITY MOVEMENT. WE WOULD LOSE THIS FLEXIBILITY IF WE USE ALL OF THE RECOUP BOAT NUMBERS FOR THE USS HAMMOND REFUGEES. IN

ANY EVENT, 36 NUMBERS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER 73-77
REFUGEES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE US HOW
WE ARE TO MOVE THE USS HAMMOND REFUGEES OUT OF THAILAND
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 14, THE DEADLINE THAT THE UNHCR AND THE
RTG AGREED UPON. ABRAMOWITZ

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